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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—AUGUST, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. George STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTON, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES HENRY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. LINDSEY & CO., 120 & 124, London Wall, W. M. WIGS, 101, Cannon Street, E.C. ROBERT WATSON, 160, Fleet Street.
PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMERIQUE FRANCE, 35, Rue Lafayette, Paris.
NEW YORK.—J. NEWBAY HARTFORD, THE CHINESE EXCHANGER, OFFICE, 52, West 22d Street.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Posts generally.—BRAD & BLACK, San Francisco.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTON, 11, Clement's Lane, and 30, Cornhill, E.C.
CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE CHINESE EXCHANGER, Colombo.
SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAVAGE & CO., SINGAPORE, C. LIGGINS & CO., Manilla.
CHINA.—MAZON, A. A. DA CRUZ, Amoy, N. MOALE & CO., LIMITED, Foochow, HODGE & CO., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

BANKS.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on PREFERRED DEPOSIT at 4% PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
E. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1515

Intimations.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Company's OFFICES, TO-MORROW, the 12th day of April, 1892, at Noon, with a view of considering and passing the Resolutions following, namely:

- That it is desirable to reconstruct the Company, and accordingly that the same be wound up voluntarily, and that JULIUS KRAMER be, and he is hereby appointed LIQUIDATOR, for the purpose, and such LIQUIDATOR be, and he is hereby authorized to consent to the registration of a New Company, to be named THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT FACTORY, LIMITED, with a Memorandum and Articles of Association, which have already been prepared with the privy and approval of the Consulting Committee of this Company.
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Should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted, for Confirmation, as Special Resolutions, to a second Extraordinary General Meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%.
do. 6 d.c. do. 4%
do. 3 d.c. do. 3%
Current Accounts 2%

For rates of Interest for other periods apply to the MANAGER.

Hongkong, February 17, 1892. 22

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital \$10,000,000.
Reserve Fund \$6,300,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY OR PROVISIONS \$10,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS—

S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.—Chairman.

L. POMERLECKE, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.

T. E. Davies, Esq. Alex. McConachie.

O. J. Holiday, Esq. Em.

H. Hopkins, Esq. J. S. Moore, Esq.

Hon. J. J. Kewick. D. R. Sisson, Esq.

Chief Manager—

Hongkong. F. de Bovis, Esq.

Shanghai—J. P. Wade Gardner, Esq.

LONDON—THE ALLIANCE BANK (LTD.)

SCOTLAND—THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

Shanghai—C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.

Amoy—J. ANDERSON, Manager.

Yokohama—D. FRASER, Manager.

Current Accounts opened. Money received on Deposit. Drafts issued. Bills purchased and collected. Advances made on securities or goods in neutral godowns. Usual Bank Agency business undertaken.

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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance up to \$200,000.

On Fixed Deposits—

For 6 months 3% per cent. per annum.

do. 12 " 4% " up to \$200,000.

do. 12 " 4 " on sums in excess of \$200,000.

HONGKONG—INTEREST CHANGED.

6% on LOANS against Shares with full interest.

6% on Advances against Goods in neutral godowns.

7% on Current Account overdrafts.

7% on Advances against Goods in private godowns.

F. DE BOVIS,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 27, 1892. 1517

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £2,000,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £250,000.

LONDON: Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street, West End Office, 26, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLOMBIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit.

Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

E. W. RUTTER,

Manager.

Hongkong, August 19, 1891. 1509

TRADE MARK

CALBECK, MACGREGOR & Co., Wine and Spirit Merchants, 13, Queen's Road, Hongkong, August 18, 1891. 1613

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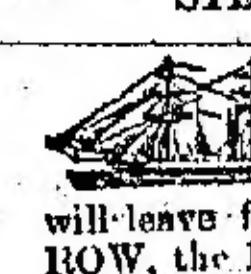
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THE CHINA MAIL

No. 9110.—APRIL 11, 1892.

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship
 **Ravena**,
Captain E. Cheve, will
leave for the above place **TOMORROW**, the 13th Inst., at Daylight.
H. H. JOSEPH,
Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, April 11, 1892. 627

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship
 **Zenobia**, Captain Ward, will be despatched as above **TOMORROW**, the 12th Instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

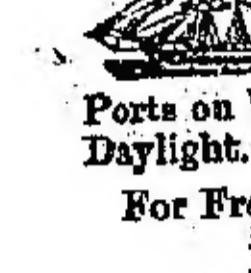
For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 11, 1892. 615

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship
 **Hailong**, Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports on **WEDNESDAY**, the 13th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LA PRAIRIE & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 11, 1892. 673

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship
 **Wingang**, Capt. N. A. de Sta. Chole, will be despatched as above on **WEDNESDAY**, the 13th Instant, at 3 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 11, 1892. 643

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

The Steamship
 **Carmarthenshire**, Captain Clark, will be despatched as above on or about **WEDNESDAY**, the 13th Instant, at 4 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.

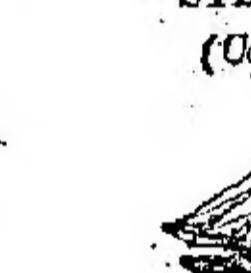
For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 11, 1892. 525

STEAM TO STRAITS & BOMBAY,

(Calling at COLOMBO, if sufficient inducement offers.)

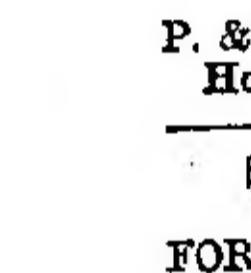
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
 **Nizam**, Capt. G. L. Langorne, R.N.R., will leave for the above places on **THURSDAY**, the 14th Inst., at Noon.

H. H. JOSEPH,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, April 11, 1892. 674

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA VIA INLAND SEA.

The Steamship
 **Bronchos**, Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above on or about **THURSDAY**, the 14th Inst., at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

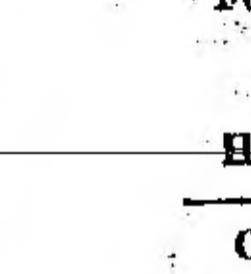
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DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 11, 1892. 633

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUZU CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship
 **Laurie**, Captain Soile, will be despatched as above on **THURSDAY**, the 14th Inst., at Noon.

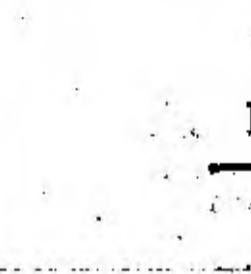
For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, April 11, 1892. 676

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUZU CANAL.

The Steamship
 **Bailey**, Commander, will be despatched for the above Port on or about **THURSDAY**, the 14th Inst., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 11, 1892. 671

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.

CHÉMISTS, &c.

EUCALYPTUS OIL AND INFLUENZA.

Of all the Preventative OIL OF

EUCALYPTUS, either disguised under fancy names or in its pure and simple form, has earned the most professional and lay support, and up to the present, it has certainly vindicated the claims put forward in its behalf."

H. H. JOSEPH,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, April 11, 1892. 628

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
 **Anthonia**, Capt. W. D. Mine, will leave for the above places on **FRIDAY**, the 15th instant, at Noon, and not as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 11, 1892. 671

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(Taking cargo of general rates to ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, BREMEN, LIVERPOOL AND HAMBURG.)

The Steamship
 **Frigate**, Captain F. N. Norr, will be despatched for the above Ports on **MONDAY**, the 18th Inst., at 4 p.m.

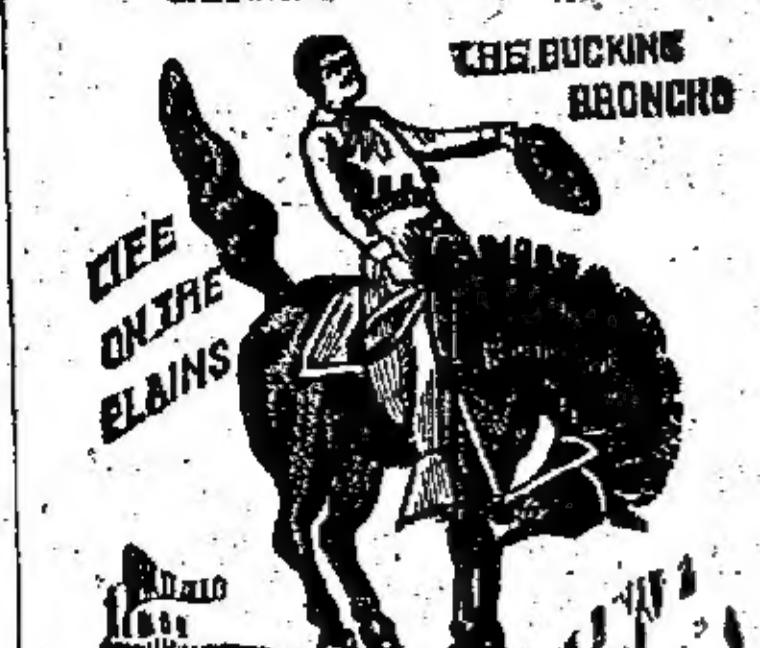
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SIEGMESSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 11, 1892. 674

To-day's Advertisements.

HARMSTON & SONS' GRAND CIRCUS.



To-day's Advertisements.

HONG KONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE Sixth Yearly General MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will be held at the Club House, on **WEDNESDAY**, 2d April, 1892, at 4.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 11, 1892. 671

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS:

S.S. "BRECONSHIRE" FROM ANTI-PEPPHAM, HAMBURG, MIDDLEBROOK AND STRAITS.

ROMAN HIPPODROME AND GENUINE WILD WEST SHOW.

WEST POINT! WEST POINT!!

MURDER WILL OUT AND GENUINE TALENT NEVER FAILS TO DRAW!

LAST 3 NIGHTS.

THIS EVENING (MONDAY), APRIL 11th,

ATTRACTION EXTRAORDINARY. COMPLETE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME. COMPLETE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

N.B.—Unlike other Circuses Established we do not nightly send into our Acra and announce a Change of Programme when (in reality) it is merely a transposition of the number of the previous one, but being confident in the Resources of our Company WE FEAR NOT TO PROMISE A COMPLETE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

In addition to which will be produced for the first time in Hongkong, on a Scale of Great Magnificence, the Famous Egyptian Drama.

DICK TURPIN'S RIDE TO YORK.

Vividly illustrating the various sensational incidents in the career of this desperate highwayman, and portraying with realistic skill the events leading up to and the death of **BONNY BLACK BESS**.

"Blood can give Nobility, A Noble Steel was she; Her Sire was Blood, and Blood her Dame, And all her pedigree."

Mr. W. B. HARMONTON (As played by him throughout the world).

Q. WOODWARD.

Mr. GEO. HARDISON.

Black Bear—**"Bengalore."**

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Box of 6 Chairs.....\$12.00 Single Seat in Box.....2.00 Dress Circle-Chairs.....1.50 Stalls, Carpeted Seats.....0.50 Gallery (for Chinese only).....0.50 Box Plan on view at KELLY & WALSH, where Seats can be booked.

CHAS. B. HICKS, Manager.

ROBERT LOVE, General Agent.

Hongkong, April 11, 1892. 673

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, TUESDAY, the 19th April, 1892, at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Special Resolution:

"That the 10,000 Shares of \$100 each into which the Capital of the Company is now divided be subdivided into 100,000 Shares of \$10 each."

By Order,

HENRY HUMPHREYS, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 11, 1892. 679

DEPARTURES.

April 10—

Name, for Coast Ports.

Haihung, for Holloway and Biszoung, for Singapore and Bombay.

April 11—

Susser, for Saigon.

Fumio, for Whampoa.

Nanking, for Amoy.

Ningpo, for Shanghai.

CLEARING.

No. 1165 E.C.

Thales, for Swatow.

Polyphemus, for Amoy.

Nicoya, for Bangkok.

Alicia, for Holloway.

Lemon, for Shanghai.

Jesse Hercules, for Manila.

Neptune, British steamer, 1,884, from Yokohama April 6, General & Co.

Glenfalloch, British steamer, 1,434, F. Darke, R.N.R., Shanghai April 8, 9 a.m., General & Co.

Emilia, British steamer, 1,616, E. C. Roche, R.N.R., Singapore April 5, General & Co.

Alison, British steamer, 1,616, E. C. Roche, R.N.R., Singapore April 5, General & Co.

Glory, for Manila, April 6, General & Co.

Monarch, British steamer, 1,648, Jack, R.N.R., Singapore April 6, General & Co.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

The Hyogo News says:—Many stories have been afloat with reference to the amount of money set apart by the Japan Government for bribing during the late election. These were roughly set down at 400,000 yen, and now the *Sunsutsu* of Tokyo has said that the provincial governors had applied for an additional 40,000 yen to cover expenses. The Home Minister upon receiving the proposal asked for the money from the Minister of Finance who, however, refused to pay it out of the National Treasury. Consequently the Home Minister is in a quandary as to how he shall raise it.

TEN NICK NIGHT Shikoku is responsible for the following remarkable statement. In *Naga*, of the *Kaga* District of *Tosigi* Province, there lives a man aged thirty-nine whose wife has just entered her sixty-ninth year. The aged dame became famous for the first time, her husband was much concerned about the issue. Daily he made bare-footed pilgrimages to the shrine of Jizo, the tutelary divinity of children and child-bearing females, praying that his good wife might get through her trouble easily. These devout exercises were apparently efficacious, for the old lady was safely delivered of a male child, and the said it are progressing excellently. The *Naga* *Nichi* calls it a "miraculous event, and with justice."—*Japan Mail*.

We understand, upon what may be regarded as authority, says the *Bread Arrow*, that Her Majesty's Government have decided to retain on their present stations the gun-boats which are protecting the various trade and missionary ports in China. This will prove good news for our *China* subjects, but scarcely so for Her Majesty's officers and servants who have to perform this dull and tiresome duty. The river-ports of *China*—notably those of the *Hwang Ho*—are almost famous for their filth. They literally "smell aloud," and the limited character of the society ashore render duty on board ship in such waters of an almost pocial character. At Hankow in the summer the heat is intense, and typhoid fever the miserable fate of every European perhaps three times in a season?

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

In the competition for Mr Saeson's cup on Saturday a good attendance of 200 members only resulted in one good score that of Lieut. Hicks, Shropshire Light Infantry, who won the cup and 300 yards spoon. Mr Watson took the spoon at 200 yards. Below are the scores:—

	200	400	Total
Lieut. Hicks, Shrop. L.I. (spoon.)	20	24	44
Lieut. Walsh, E.N.	20	24	44
Mr Watson (spoon.)	21	24	45
Mr E. Robinson	20	23	43
Lieut.-Col. Jervard	20	23	43
Mr G. C. Clarke	21	23	44
Mr G. J. Francis, Q.C.	21	23	44
Genl. Macarthur, R.M.A.	20	23	43
Lieut. Chown, R.M.L.I.	27	21	48
Mr Baker	20	21	41
Mr Warkock	23	14	37
Mr A. M. Thomas	20	15	35
Mr McNease	22	17	39
Commander Woolward, R.N.	20	15	35
Mr Motte	19	15	34

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. Dr. Sir William Robinson, Governor, presided, and the members also present Hon. G. T. M'Obrien, T. M. G. Colquhoun, Secretary; Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney General; Hon. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart, Registrar General; Hon. F. H. May, Acting Colonial Treasurer; Hon. F. A. Cooper, Director of Public Works; Hon. O. P. Chater, Hon. T. H. Whitehead, Hon. K. Kai, Hon. E. R. Bellis, and Mr A. M. Thomas, Acting Clerk of Councils. Absent: Hon. J. J. Kiski.

NEW MEMBERS.

Commander R. Murray Rumsey, Harbour Master, and Mr F. H. May took the oath as new members of the Council, and Mr F. A. Cooper also took the oath under the new title of Director of Public Works.

NOTICES, &c.

The Colonial Secretary moved and the Attorney General seconded the approval of the minutes of the last Financial Committee meeting. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table—A Statement of Total Revenue and Expenditure for 1891, Balance Sheet of Water Account for 1891, and the Annual Report for 1891 of the Sanitary Superintendent, the Sanitary Surveyor and the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon.

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS.

Hon. T. H. Whitehead—I rise, Sir, to give notice of four questions for next meeting of Council.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE WATER POLICE.

With reference to the notification No. 269 in the Government Gazette of 20th June 1891, notifying the appointment of Commander W. C. H. Hastings as Superintendent of the Water Police, will the Government consider the Council? (2.) If Commander Hastings has not assumed the duties of that office? (3.) If he has, Commander Hastings received any emoluments pertaining to his office in addition to free residential quarters, Tsing Sia-Tsui &c. (3.) So, what do they amount to, and what is the estimated value of this free quarters &c. (4.) Is Commander Hastings still drawing any emoluments in respect of the office, and if so how much? (5.) If Commander Hastings has not yet assumed the duties of the office, what does Government intend to do in respect of the post. (6.) Will the Government lay on the table any papers pertaining to the creation of the appointment, and the non-performance of the duties of the office by Commander Hastings.

ECCLÆSIASTICAL NOTE.

2. With reference to the grant of \$3000, for Protestant Chaplains &c., for 1892, voted by the Council in November—December 1891, will the Government inform the Council, if the Secretary of State has approved of the vote, or any portion of it, if so how much, how the money to be divided, and what is the principle on which the division is to be made?

MR KELKOW'S SHARP-BILL.

3. With reference to the Memorial and Petition of Bankers, Merchants, Brokers, Traders, and others carrying on business in the Colony of Hongkong, addressed to the Right Honorable Lord Knutsford, Secretary of State for the Colonies; in connection with the bill entitled "an ordinance to amend the law in respect of the sale of shares in Companies registered under the Companies Ordinance 1861 to 1886, and in other Joint Stock companies," will the Government lay on the table a copy of any reply thereto, which may have been received?

OBJECT AND REASONS FOR NEW LAWS.

4. Will the Government report to the convenient system obtaining in former years of appending to the printed draft of each new Bill statement or memorandum of the objects and reasons for its introduction.

THE SUNDAY CARGO-WORKING ORDINANCE.

Hon. G. P. Clarke—I rise to give notice of a Bill which I intend to put to the

Government at next meeting of Council:—Will the Government lay upon the table a copy of any reply received to the petition addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, by the Chinese Christians, merchants, shippers and traders residing in the colony praying for the repeal of the Sunday Cargo-working Ordinance?

MOTION OR MOTION.
Hon. T. H. Whitehead—I also give notice of a motion which I will move this day fortnight.

COSTS, ADMINISTRATION.

1. In consideration of the constantly increasing cost of the Administrative Staff of the Government of Hongkong, it having risen from \$347,650 in 1877, to nearly \$600,000 in 1892, exclusive of \$35,200 for pensions, and that the Colony's Revenues in the near future is more likely to decrease than expand, I beg to move that Government appoint a commission selected from the unofficial members of Council, and the general community, with the Honorable Mr O'Brien, the Colonial Secretary, as Chairman, with full power to enquire into and report with a view to recommending the working of all the Departments of the Government, and as far as the desirability or otherwise of the amalgamation of certain offices, the increasing of the hours of the official day, privileges in the way of leave, &c. &c. &c.

THE ACTING HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT.

Hon. T. H. Whitehead—with reference to the following remarkable statement—in *Naga*, of the *Kaga* District of *Tosigi* Province, there lives a man aged thirty-nine whose wife has just entered her sixty-ninth year. The aged dame became famous for the first time, her husband was much concerned about the issue. Daily he made bare-footed pilgrimages to the shrine of Jizo, the tutelary divinity of children and child-bearing females, praying that his good wife might get through her trouble easily. These devout exercises were apparently efficacious, for the old lady was safely delivered of a male child, and the said it are progressing excellently. The *Naga* *Nichi* calls it a "miraculous event, and with justice."—*Japan Mail*.

We understand, upon what may be regarded as authority, says the *Bread Arrow*, that Her Majesty's Government have decided to retain on their present stations the gun-boats which are protecting the various trade and missionary ports in China. This will prove good news for our *China* subjects, but scarcely so for Her Majesty's officers and servants who have to perform this dull and tiresome duty. The river-ports of *China*—notably those of the *Hwang Ho*—are almost famous for their filth. They literally "smell aloud," and the limited character of the society ashore render duty on board ship in such waters of an almost pocial character. At Hankow in the summer the heat is intense, and typhoid fever the miserable fate of every European perhaps three times in a season?

should, I think, have been accompanied by a statement of its objects and the reasons for its introduction. So far as I know the Society has been doing good work for the Chinese people, but I should like to know whatever for the introduction of such legislation as this. If you give legal status, legal powers, to what cannot but regard as a Chinese Secret Society (a laugh) it is dangerous in the extreme, and it will ultimately be found to be injurious to trade and shipping and detrimental to the true interests of the Colony. I cannot, therefore, give the first report.

MR EXCELLENCE.—That is all the business.

Mr Whitehead—I merely cannot support the bill.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Colonial Secretary accepted and the Bill was read a first time.

AN AMENDMENT ON THE BILL.

Mr Whitehead—I propose to adjourn to this day fortnight, the 26th inst. After that I hope we will be able to meet every Monday till the close of the session. I hope we will be able to answer all the questions of the hon. member at the end of the debate. I also hope we will be able to close the session about the 20th May. I think the Colony has had sufficient legislation for the present (heat, heat, and aplause by Mr Whitehead).

THE ACTING HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT.

Hon. T. H. Whitehead.—With reference to the question I gave notice of on 14th March last, viz.—"With reference to the Honourable the Acting Harbour Master's Report on the Junk Trade of Hongkong for 1891, dated 11th January 1892, and more particularly paragraph 12 thereof, I would like to follow up the following points:—

1. In consideration of the only controllable cause of the depression of the Junk trade are the suppression of the system of espionage established by the Chinese Customs in Hongkong, and the preservation of the neutrality of British waters, will the Government lay on the table copies of the former correspondence referred to in the said report, and any further information or reports in its possession on the subject of the system of espionage established by the Imperial Chinese Customs in Hongkong, &c. &c. I may say I am greatly obliged to your Excellency for having caused me to furnish you with copies of the reports and correspondence. I have perused it with care and compared the papers I am satisfied that it is unnecessary to repeat the same.

2. Your Excellency—Has not the

Administration of the Estate of late David McCulloch, deceased, been responsible for the non-acceptance of 50 shares in the Hongkong & Kowloon Land Company by the Chinese Government?—I am sorry to say that I am not able to ascertain the date of the death of Mr David McCulloch, deceased, and the date of the non-acceptance of the shares by the Chinese Government.

3. Your Excellency—Has not the

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THE CHINA MAIL.

NAVAL AND MILITARY RIFLE MEETING.

The following is the complete prize-list of this Rifle Meeting which closed on Friday—
Open to Rank and File of the Army, Navy and Royal Marines. Distance, 200 yards.
Position—“Standing” or “Kneeling.”
L.S.C. Kirwan, *Imperial* 32
Sgt. Mugridge, R.E. 30
Pte. Crookford, R.M.L., *Imperial* 28
Pte. Basu, S.I. 28
Bugler Jenkins, *Portuguese* 28
Pte. Wynn, S.L.L. 28
Pte. Coates, S.I. 28
No. 2—Open to Surgeants of the Army and Royal Marines and 1st class Petty Officers of the Navy. Distance, 200 yards. Position—“Standing” or “Kneeling.”
Sgt. R. Mc. P. Purcell 30
Col. St. John, R.M.L. 27
Sgt. Parker, Victor Emanuel 27
Sgt. Evans, S.I. 27
Sgt. Hayward, *Imperial* 26
No. 3—Open to Officers and Warrant Officers of the Army, Navy and Royal Marines. Distance, 200 yards. Position—“Standing” or “Kneeling.”
W.O. D. Sweeney, *Imperial* 30
W.O. M. Walsh, *Leander* 28
Lieut. G. Howell, *Leander* 28
Sergt. Major W. R. M.L., *Imperial* 28
Lieut.-Colonel R. M.L., *Imperial* 28
Capt. Dr. Macarthur, S.L.L. 27
Lieut. Hicks, S.L.L. 27
No. 4—Open to All Comers. Distance, 600 yards. Position, any Military Position.
Lieut. Dundas, *Alacrity* 32
P.O. Hillier, *Leander* 32
Lieut. Chown, *Severn* 32
Sergt. Major Liddell, S.L.L. 31
Sapper Mugridge, R.E. 31
No. 5—Open to All Comers. Distance, 200 yards. Position—“Standing” or “Kneeling.”
Sgt. Macarthur, *Leander* 32
Lieut. Martin, R.N. 31
P.O. Hillier, *Leander* 31
No. 6.—The Vanishing Man. Open to All Comers. Unlimited Entries. Distance, 150 yards. Seven rounds. Position, any Military Position.
Lieut. Smith, R.N. 25
Gunner, Field, R.M.A. 23
P.O. Ferguson, R.N. 22
Gunner Walsh, R.N. 22
No. 7—REVOLVER COMPETITION.—Restricted to Officers, Warrant Officers, Sergeants, Gunners and Staff Sergeants of H. M. Land and Sea Forces. Distance 25 yards. Six shots with the right hand and six with the left. Position—“Standing.” No rest allowed, nor may more than one hand be used to steady the revolver. Entries admitted.
Lieut. Marshall, B.N. 51
Lieut. Martin, R.N. 50
Lieut. S.—Open in Rank and File of the Army, Navy and Royal Marines. Distance, 500 yards. Any Military Position.
Gunner Hines, R.M.A., *Imperial* 32
Pte. A. Crookford, *Imperial* 31
Sap. Mugridge, R.E. 31
A. L. Isom, Archer 29
Corpl. Parrott, *Leander* 28
Pte. G. Evans, *Leander* 28
A. B. Bennett, Sergeant of the Army and Royal Marines and 1st class Petty Officers of the Navy. Distance, 500 yards. Position—Any Military Position.
Gun. Lyons, *Severn* 35
Gun. Carroll, *Alacrity* 35
Major Elyon, S.I. 33
Gun. Walsh, *Leander* 33
Lieut. Martin, *Leander* 29
Lieut. Howell, *Leander* 29
No. 11.—Carabiner. 500 yards. Position—Any Military Position.
Bomb. Tucker, R.A. 23
Pte. Rickford, R.A. 19
Bomb. Parr, R.A. 14
Gun. O'Hara, R.A. 14
No. 12.—Open to all Competitors entitled to fire in competitions Nos. 1, 2, 3, Distance, 600 yards. Position—Any Military Position.
W. O. Sweeney, *Imperial* 30
A. B. Sharp, Archer 29
Gunner Carroll, *Alacrity* 28
Pte. Wynn, S.L.L. 28
Lieut. Kingdon, *Imperial* 27
No. 13.—The Competition, open to teams of six of all ranks from Ships, Regiments and Corps. Staff Army Service Corps and Regiments to count as one Corps, two ships commanded by Commanders or Lieutenant may combine as one team. Distances 200, 500, 800 yards. Seven Rounds at each distance. Number of teams unlimited as far as time and accommodation will admit; no man can shoot in two teams.
H.M.S. *Imperial* 460
H.M.S. *Leander* 460
H.M.S. *Alacrity* 440
H.M.S. *Lion* 440
No. 14.—TOMMY STAKES.—Open to teams of 12, all ranks from Ships and Corps as in No. 11. Five Rounds at 500 yards. Single rank lying down. Two points deducted for each missed Valley. Target 6 ft by 8 ft, hits on lower 4 ft, point 10 ft. Upper 2 ft, count one point. Hits and Ricochets count. The lower 4 feet to have four heads, and shoulders painted on it.
H.M.S. *Imperial* 1
Shropshire L.I. 2
THE CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.—Entries as in Nos. 1, 2, 3 and restricted to the 20 Highest Aggregate Scores in Competitions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 12. 10 rounds at 500 yards.
(Prize—A Cup to the highest Aggregate of 200, 500, 600 and 800 yards.)
Gunner Walsh, *Leander* 110
Gunner Carroll, *Alacrity* 118
Lieut. Dundas, *Alacrity* 110
Lieut. Howell, *Leander* 110

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Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION
PROGRAMME
OF
TENTH PRIZE MEETING
TO BE HELD AT
KOWLOON

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND MONDAY,
APRIL 16th, 17th, and 18th, 1892.

1st.—All Comers.—Distance 200 yards.
No. of Shots—Seven. Unlimited entries, 30 cents each. Ten prizes, value \$40. Presented.

1st Prize, \$5. 6th Prize, \$3.

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Intimations.

POOL—OPEN TO ALL COMERS.

100 yards. 20 cents cash shot.

The Entrants money for Pool (less 25 per cent) will be divided daily.

CONDITIONS, &c.

I.—Entries must be sent in with the required fees for